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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DARE Database

On 6 January 1982 ITB/RMD as usual ran the master file update program on the DARE database. Since 30 days had elapsed since the last update on 7 December 1981, the magnetic tapes on which this information is stored was either destroyed or unreadable, and the update program did not run. The batch edit report which is created as a result of this update program had been destroyed and ITB/RMD did not have the information they needed to reestablish the tapes. However, ODP has an emergency backup system for situations such as this whereby they can restore the tapes, and on 7 January, they were able to do so. On 8 January, ITB/RMD successfully ran the update program.

As a result of this incident, the Information Control Assistant will retain the batch edit report from each master file update until the next update program has run successfully.

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